

## SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION FOR SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION UNDER THE TEST PROGRAM FOR COMMERCIAL ITEMS (FAR 13.5)

**1. Contracting Agency and Activity.** The Department of the Interior, United States Geological Survey, Reston Acquisitions Branch, Reston, VA, plans to contract on a sole source basis. This document sets forth the justification and approval as required by FAR 13.501 -1(a).

**2. Nature of Action Being Approved.** New contract. Base year plus one option year requested. Proposed awardee: Computer Corporation of America (a subsidiary of Rocket Software). The contract is firm fixed price.

**3. Description of Supplies or Services.** The National Minerals Information Center (NMIC) requires an annual license to use and maintain Model 204 software and Connect\* software.

Model 204 is a Database Management System for IBM and compatible mainframes. It incorporates a programming language and an environment for application development. It can deal with very large databases and very high transaction loads. The USGS's Automated Minerals Information System (AMIS) is written in Model 204. Connect\* is a CCA product that provides an Open Database Connectivity (ODBC) connection between AMIS and MIFORMS, the electronic forms system used to collect minerals information.

**4. Estimated Dollar Value.** Total contract value (base with 1 option year): \$566,605

Base Year	10/1/16—09/30/17	\$255,621
Option Year 1 funded incrementally for optional short-term license period:		
	10/1/17 – 12/31/17	\$ 77,746
	1/1/18 – 3/31/18	\$ 77,746
	4/1/18 – 6/30/18	\$ 77,746
	7/1/18 – 9/30/18	\$ 77,746

**5. Statutory Authority.** The proposed action may be awarded on a sole source basis under the authority of the test program for commercial items (section 4202 of the Clinger-Cohen Act of 1996) the Services Acquisition Reform Act of 2003 (41 USC 428a).

**6. Rationale Supporting Use of Citation in No. 5.** Model 204 and Connect\* are proprietary to the designers of the software, CCA; therefore, only one source is available who can provide this license. The CCA is the only vendor selling and supporting this software. Model 204 and Connect\* are already in place and running AMIS. The NMIC is in the process of migrating AMIS to SQL. AMIS is critical to the mission of the USGS minerals information function and continued maintenance of the software system is essential until the conversion to the new system is completed in approximately 2018. [Connect\* connects AMIS to the USGS mineral electronic forms system (providing an electronic forms option to collect data from the public is mandated by the Government Paperwork Elimination Act), and it is the only known software able to do so.]

**7. Other Information.**  
Not applicable.

**8. The Efforts to Identify Additional Sources Including the Market Research Conducted.**

CCA notified the USGS that this software was proprietary and only offered from CCA. No other vendor is authorized to resell Model 204 or Connect\* software.

**9. Future Plans to Permit Competition**

Conversion to SQL will allow for future competition.

**10. Recommendation Program Office**


Based on the above, I recommend this acquisition be conducted on a sole source basis and certify that the above statements are true and correct.

Michael Magyar  
Associate Director, NMIC

  
Signature

5/13/2016  
Date

**11. Certifications from the Contracting Officer:**

a. The Model 204 computer software product licensed for use from Computer Corporation of America is highly proprietary and is considered a trade secret of Computer Corporation of America, which is a subsidiary of Rocket Software, Inc. There is no outside access to the source code for the product. Computer Corporation of America is the sole source for maintenance services on the software. The price reasonable determination is based on comparison of previous pricing for identical licensing costs at . In previous years Computer Corporation of America lists a price increase per year at a limit of seven percent which is applicable to all licensing fees for government and non-government customers to include any option years..

b. This justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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